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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 18 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objection

1. Claims 31 - 34 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 30 is an independent claim, claiming a system while claims 31 – 34 are dependent claims claiming a method. Method claims cannot depend on a system claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject matter

2. Claims 1 – 34 are allowable.
3. Reasons for allowing these claims will be provided in the next office action.

Conclusion

4. Pennebaker (US patent Number 5,414,423) discloses a stabilization of probability estimates by conditioning on prior decisions of a given context.
5. Zandi et al. (US patent Number 5,471,207) discloses compression of palletized images and binarization for bitwise coding of M-ary alphabets.
6. Gormish et al. (US patent Number 5,689,589) discloses a data compression for palletized video images.
7. Lei (US patent Number 5,955,977) discloses a system for avoiding start code emulation and long carry-over propagation.
8. Nakayama et al. (US Patent number 5,986,594) discloses an image compression by arithmetic coding with learning limit.
9. Yokose et al. (US patent Number 6,118,900) discloses an image coding device and image decoding device for use with image disassembly.

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10. Horie et al. (US patent Number 6,236,759) discloses an image processing apparatus.

11. Yanagiya et al. (US patent Number 6,411,231) discloses an encoding, decoding, and probability estimation method.

12. Bengio et al. (US patent Number 6,476,740) discloses a Z-coder: a fast adaptive binary arithmetic coder.

13. Horie (US patent Number 6,677,869) discloses an arithmetic coding apparatus and image processing apparatus.

14. Saunders et al. (US Application Number 10/079,713) discloses a signal processing.

15. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters mentioned above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B Jeanglaude whose telephone number is 571-272-1804. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 A. M. - 5:00 P.M..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Tokar can be reached on 571-272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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